110th Congress 1st Session

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Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2895) to establish the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

October 9, 2007

Ms. Castor, from the Committee on Rules, reported the following resolution which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTION

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2895) to establish the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families.

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2895) to establish the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. Notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order

against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Sec. 2. During consideration in the House of H.R. 2895 pursuant to this resolution, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to such time as may be designated by the Speaker.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES { Rules Committee

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Ms. Castor, from the Committee on Rules submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. ____]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution ____, by a record vote of 9 to 3, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2895, the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of Rule XXI. This waiver does not affect the point of order available under clause 9 of rule XXI (regarding earmark disclosure).

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill (except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI) includes a waiver of clause 4 of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations in legislative bills). The rule waives of all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (except for clause 10 of rule XXI). The committee is not aware of any points of order against the substitute. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

COMMITTEE VOTES

The results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 336

Date: October 9, 2007 Measure: H.R. 2895 Motion By: Mr. Dreier

Summary of Motion: To grant an open rule.

Results: Defeated 3-9

Vote by Member:

MCGOVERN NAY
HASTINGS (FL) NAY

MATSUI NAY

CARDOZA NAY

WELCH NAY

CASTOR NAY

ARCURI NAY

SUTTON NAY

DREIER YEA

DIAZ-BALART

HASTINGS (WA) YEA

SESSIONS YEA

SLAUGHTER NAY

Date: October 9, 2007 Measure: H.R. 2895 Motion By: Mr. Dreier

Summary of Motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. King (IA), which would remove Davis-Bacon requirements on grant amounts or

contracts relating to the Trust Fund grant amounts.

YEA

NAY

Results: Defeated 3-9

Vote by Member:

SESSIONS

SLAUGHTER

MCGOVERN	NAY
HASTINGS (FL)	NAY
MATSUI	NAY
CARDOZA	NAY
WELCH	NAY
CASTOR	NAY
ARCURI	NAY
SUTTON	NAY
DREIER	YEA
DIAZ-BALART	
HASTINGS (WA)	YEA

Date: October 9, 2007 Measure: H.R. 2895

Motion By: Mr. Hastings (WA)

Summary of Motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. Bilirakis (FL), #6, which would modify the current provision in the bill that requires the formula share of a local jurisdiction to go to the state where it is located if the local jurisdiction's formula share does not meet the minimum threshold of \$750,000. The

amendment would lower the minimum threshold to \$250,000.

Results: Defeated 3-9

Vote by Member:

MCGOVERN	NAY
HASTINGS (FL)	NAY
MATSUI	NAY
CARDOZA	NAY
WELCH	NAY
CASTOR	NAY
ARCURI	NAY
SUTTON	NAY
DREIER	YEA
DIAZ-BALART	
HASTINGS (WA)	YEA
SESSIONS	YEA
SLAUGHTER	NAY

Date: October 9, 2007 **Measure:** H.R. 2895

Motion By: Mr. Hastings (WA)

Summary of Motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. Hensarling (TX), #10, which would prevent additional government funds from being diverted to the Housing Trust Fund beyond revenue from the GSE and FHA programs and future discretionary appropriations.

Results: Defeated 3-9

Vote by Member:

MCGOVERN	NAY
HASTINGS (FL)	NAY
MATSUI	NAY
CARDOZA	NAY
WELCH	NAY
CASTOR	NAY
ARCURI	NAY
SUTTON	NAY
DREIER	YEA
DIAZ-BALART	
HASTINGS (WA)	YEA
SESSIONS	YEA
SLAUGHTER	NAY

Date: October 9, 2007 Measure: H.R. 2895

Motion By: Mr. Hastings (WA)

Summary of Motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment

by Rep. Price, Tom (GA), #2, which would sunset the fund after 10 years.

Results: Defeated 3-9

Vote by Member:

MCGOVERN NAY
HASTINGS (FL) NAY
MATSUI NAY

CARDOZA NAY

WELCH NAY

CASTOR NAY

ARCURI NAY

SUTTON NAY

DREIER YEA

DIAZ-BALART

HASTINGS (WA) YEA

SESSIONS YEA

SLAUGHTER NAY

Date: October 9, 2007 Measure: H.R. 2895 Motion By: Mr. Sessions

Summary of Motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. Price, Tom (GA), #3, which would require that any new spending be accompanied by

offsetting decreases in spending.

Results: Defeated 3-9

Vote by Member:

SESSIONS

SLAUGHTER

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YEA

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Date: October 9, 2007 **Measure:** H.R. 2895 **Motion By:** Mr. Sessions

Summary of Motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. Price, Tom (GA), #4, which would require that any individual or household receiving

Trust Fund grant money must present verification of legal residency by a secure

identification document. **Results:** Defeated 3-9

Vote by Member:

SLAUGHTER

MCGOVERN	NAY
HASTINGS (FL)	NAY
MATSUI	NAY
CARDOZA	NAY
WELCH	NAY
CASTOR	NAY
ARCURI	NAY
SUTTON	NAY
DREIER	YEA
DIAZ-BALART	
HASTINGS (WA)	YEA
SESSIONS	YEA

NAY

Date: October 9, 2007 **Measure:** H.R. 2895 **Motion By:** Mr. Sessions

Summary of Motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. Doolittle (CA), #7, which would prohibit any assistance provided with any Trust Fund grant amounts from being made available to, or on behalf of, any individual or household unless all adult members of the household have a valid Social Security Number.

Results: Defeated 3-9

Vote by Member:

SLAUGHTER

MCGOVERN	NAY
HASTINGS (FL)	NAY
MATSUI	NAY
CARDOZA	NAY
WELCH	NAY
CASTOR	NAY
ARCURI	NAY
SUTTON	NAY
DREIER	YEA
DIAZ-BALART	
HASTINGS (WA)	YEA
SESSIONS	YEA

NAY

Date: October 9, 2007 Measure: H.R. 2895

Motion By: Mr. Hastings (FL)

Summary of Motion: To report the rule.

Results: Adopted 9-3

Vote by Member:

MCGOVERN YEA

HASTINGS (FL) YEA

MATSUI YEA

CARDOZA YEA

WELCH YEA

CASTOR YEA

ARCURI YEA

SUTTON YEA

DREIER NAY

DIAZ-BALART

HASTINGS (WA) NAY

SESSIONS NAY

SLAUGHTER YEA

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

(summaries derived from information provided by sponsors)

1. Frank (MA):

This amendment would establish a state minimum allocation percentage, under which every state will receive at least one half of one percent (.5%) of the total funds available each year that are allocated to states, Indian Tribes, and insular areas. Allocations to all other states would be reduced pro rata to bring these states up to this .5% minimum. The amendment would also provide that the local jurisdiction in each state that is slated to receive the largest amount by formula in such state would be entitled to receive such funds directly [notwithstanding the bill's provision that jurisdictions entitled to less than \$750,000 by formula shall have their funds reverted to their state in any year that nationwide funding is less than \$2 billion]. The amendment includes a technical clarification to ensure that the mixed income limitation capping the number of units initially rented to extremely low income families at 50% applies to all of the units in a project [not just those units assisted by trust fund dollars]. The amendment would provide that the exception to the mixed income rule applies to all "elderly only" projects, not just those projects of 25 or fewer units. Finally, the amendment would provide that nothing in the bill allows any payments under the bill for any individual or head of household that is not a legal resident.

2. Frank (MA):

This amendment would add additional flexibility to permitted fund uses, by allowing a grantee to use up to 10% of their funds for project operating accounts to cover shortfalls for projects assisted with trust fund dollars, to facilitate affordability for families below the SSI income limit.

(10 minutes)

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minutes)

3. Hastings (FL):

This amendment would amend the Affordable Housing Trust Fund homeownership counseling criteria to include flood or other disaster specific insurance in applicable regions.

(10 minutes)

4. Inslee (WA):

This amendment would include among the factors for consideration in selecting applicants to receive Trust Fund grant amounts, a consideration of the extent to which the design, construction, and operation of the housing reduces utility costs for residents.

(10 minutes)

5. Woolsey (CA):	This amendment would allow grantees to give preference to public employees, including first responders and teachers, who cannot afford to live in high-cost areas. These workers would have to meet the income eligibility requirements stated in the text of H.R. 2895.	(10 minutes)
6. Langevin (RI):	This amendment would direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish an internet-based "Green Housing Clearinghouse" including best practices, technical recommendations and other informational material regarding green building techniques. Additionally, grantees would be required to self-certify how many of the total units they built with money from the national affordable housing trust fund were green.	(10 minutes)
7. Van Hollen (MD):	This amendment would provide that, for the purpose of increasing accountability, previous grant recipients applying for new grants must include in their applications progress reports for projects for which they used funds in the previous fiscal year.	(10 minutes)
8. Neugebauer (TX):	Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute. This substitute amendment would establish a National Affordable Housing Grant Fund program within the HOME program, which is currently administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.	(20 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

L . AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE Frank OF Massachusetts , or his designee, debatable for 10 minutes:

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2895, AS REPORTED OFFERED BY MR. FRANK OF MASSACHUSETTS

Page 14, strike lines 14 through 16, and insert the following:

1	(1) STATES.—Subject to subsection (d), th
2	allocation for a State shall be as follows:
3	"(A) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—If the formula
4	amount determined under subsection (b)(2) for
5	the State for the fiscal year is less than 0.5 per
6	cent of the total amount allocated for such fis-
7	cal year under section 293(b)(1), the allocation
8	for the State shall be 0.5 percent of the total
9	amount allocated for such fiscal year under sec-
10	tion 293(b)(1).
11	"(B) FORMULA AMOUNT.—If the formula
12	amount determined under subsection (b)(2) for
13	the State for the fiscal year is 0.5 percent or
14	more of the total amount allocated for such fis-
15	cal year under section 293(b)(1), the allocation
16	for the State shall be the formula amount for
17	the State, except that—
18	"(i) the Secretary shall reduce such
9	formula amounts for all States whose allo-

.1	cations are determined under this subpara-
2	graph on a pro rata basis, except as pro-
3	vided in clause (ii), by the amount nec-
4	essary to account for any increases from
5	the formula amount for allocations made
6	under subparagraph (A), so that the total
7	of the allocations for all States pursuant to
8	this paragraph is equal to the aggregate of
9	the formula amounts under subsection
10	(b)(2) for all States; and
11	"(ii) no reduction pursuant to clause
12	(i) for any State may reduce the formula
13	amount for the State to less than 0.5 per-
14	cent of such total amount allocated for
15	such fiscal year.".

Page 15, strike lines 8 through 10, and insert the following:

16	"(1) for each participating local jurisdiction
17	having a formula amount for such fiscal year of less
18	than \$750,000, the allocation shall be \$0, except
19	that the allocation for such a jurisdiction for such
20	fiscal year shall be the formula amount for the juris-
21	diction for such fiscal year if-
22	"(A) the Secretary"

Page 15, strike the comma in line 20 and all that follows through line 22, and insert "; or".

Page 15, after line 22, insert the following:

1	"(B) the formula amount for such jurisdic-
2	tion for such fiscal year is an amount that is
3	greater than the formula amount for such fiscal
4	year for any other participating local jurisdic-
5	tion that is located in the same State; and".

Page 42, strike lines 21 through 25, and insert the following:

6	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The dwelling unit is
7	located in a project (i) that receives assistance
8	under this subtitle, and (ii) for which not more
9	than 50 percent of the rental units in the
10	project that are not previously occupied may be
11	rented initially only to".

Strike line 15 on page 43 and all that follows through page 44, line 3, and insert the following:

12	"(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Subparagraph (A)
13	shall not apply in the case of a project that-
14	"(i) has 25 or fewer dwelling units
15	and that is—

1	"(I) located in a census tract in
2	which the number of families having
3	incomes less than the poverty line is
4	less than 20 percent;
5	"(II) located in a rural area, as
6	such term is defined in section 520 of
7	the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
8	1490); or
9	"(III) specifically made available
10	only for households comprised of dis-
11	abled families; or
12	"(ii) is specifically made available only
13	for households comprised of elderly fami-
14	lies.".

Page 51, line 5, after "that" insert "describes".

Page 51, line 6, strike "describes".

Atte and of the billy insert the following new section:

"SECTION 299C, BENEFETS,

"Nothing in this Subtitle allows any payments under this Subtitle for any individual or head of Lousehold that is not a legal resident."

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2895, AS REPORTED OFFERED BY MR. FRANK OF MASSACHUSETTS

Page 53, after line 20, insert the following:

1	"(F) use of funds to facilitate affordability
2	for families having incomes described in section
3	296(c)(3), in a combined amount for a grantee
4	in any fiscal year not to exceed 10 percent of
5	the aggregate Trust Fund grant amounts pro-
6	vided to the grantee for such fiscal year, for
7	project operating accounts used to cover net op-
8	erating income shortfalls for dwelling units as-
9	sisted with Trust Fund grant amounts;".

Page 53, line 21, strike "(F)" and insert "(G)".

Page 54, line 4, strike "(G)" and insert "(H)".

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2895, AS REPORTED OFFERED BY Mr. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA

Page 45, line 20, before the semicolon insert the following: "and includes counseling regarding financial literacy, strategies to save money, qualifying for a mortgage loan, methods to avoid predatory lenders and foreclosure, and, where appropriate by region, any requirements and costs associated with obtaining flood or other disasterspecific insurance coverage". 4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE,

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DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2895, AS REPORTED OFFERED BY MR. INSLEE OF WASHINGTON

Page 29, line 16, strike "and".

Page 29, line 24, strike the period and insert "; and".

Page 29, after line 24, insert the following:

l	"(xvi) the extent to which the design,
2	construction, and operation of the housing
3	assisted with grant amounts reduces utility
ļ	costs for residents and thereby reduces
5	their total housing cost.".

AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2895, AS REPORTED OFFERED BY Ms. WOOLSEY OF CALIFORNIA

Page 30, after line 4, insert the following:

"(3) Use for first responders and teachers.—To the extent that Trust Fund grant amounts of a grantee are made available for eligible activities involving one- to four-family owner-occupied housing, the grantee may give preference in the use of such grant amounts to eligible activities relating to affordable housing for first responders, public safety officers, teachers, and other public employees who have family incomes such that such use of the grant amounts complies with the requirements under section 296(c)."

Page 30, line 5, strike "(3)" and insert "(4)".

6 AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE Langevin OF Rhode Isand, OR His DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2895, AS REPORTED OFFERED BY MR. LANGEVIN OF RHODE ISLAND

Page 52, after line 15, insert the following:

1 "(c)	GREEN	Housing	CLEARINGHOUSE.—
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"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish a clearinghouse of information relating to green building techniques to provide grantees and recipients of Trust Fund amounts information regarding use of Trust Fund grant amounts in a manner that increases the efficiency of buildings and their use of energy, water, and materials, and reducing building impacts on human health and the environment, through better siting, design, construction, operation, maintenance, and removal, including information regarding best practices and technical recommendations.

"(2) ACCESS THROUGH INTERNET.—The Secretary shall make the information of the clearing-house available by means of the Internet.".

Page 51, line 9, strike "and".

Page 51, line 14, strike the period and insert "; and".

Page 51, after line 14, insert the following:

1	"(III) certifies the number of
2	total dwelling units of affordable
3	housing that were constructed, pre-
4	served, or rehabilitated during such
5	fiscal year with assistance from Trust
6	Funds grant amounts of the grantee
7	comply with widely accepted standards
8	for green building.".

7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE Van Hollen OF Mary land, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2895, AS REPORTED OFFERED BY MR. VAN HOLLEN OF MARYLAND

Page 24, line 24, strike "and".

Page 25, line 15, strike the period and insert "; and".

Page 25, after line 15, insert the following:

1	"(C) in the case of any recipient who has
2	received assistance from Trust Fund grant
3	amounts in any previous fiscal year, a report on
1	the progress made in carrying out the eligible
5	activities funded with such previous assist-
5	ance.".

8. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE

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DESIGNED, DEBATABLE FOR 20 MINUTES:

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2895, AS REPORTED OFFERED BY MR. NEUGEBAUER OF TEXAS

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1	SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.
2	This Act may be cited as the "National Affordable
3	Housing Grant Act of 2007".
4	SEC. 2. NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANTS.
5	(a) In General.—
6	Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Af
7	fordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.) is
8	amended by adding at the end the following new
9	subtitle:
10	"Subtitle G—National Affordable
1	Housing Grant Program
	Housing Grant Program "SEC. 291. PURPOSES.
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11	"SEC. 291. PURPOSES.
12	"SEC. 291. PURPOSES. "The purposes of this subtitle are—
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11 12 13 .4 .5	"SEC. 291. PURPOSES. "The purposes of this subtitle are— "(1) to address the national shortage of housing that is affordable to low-income families by making grants to finance additional housing activities,
11 12 13 .4 .5 .6	"SEC. 291. PURPOSES. "The purposes of this subtitle are— "(1) to address the national shortage of housing that is affordable to low-income families by making grants to finance additional housing activities, without supplanting existing housing appropriations;

1	income settings and in areas with the greatest eco-
2	nomic opportunities;
3	"(3) to promote ownership of one-to-four family
4	owner-occupied housing by low-income families; and
5	"(4) to construct, rehabilitate, and preserve at
6	least 750,000 affordable dwelling units over the next
7	decade.
8	"SEC. 292. GRANT AUTHORITY.
, 9	"(a) In General.—To the extent that amounts are
10	made available to carry out this subtitle, the Secretary of
11	Housing and Urban Development may make grants to
12	participating jurisdictions in accordance with this subtitle
13	"(b) FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.—All assistance provided
14	under this subtitle shall be considered to be Federal finan-
15	cial assistance.
16	"(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17	are authorized to be appropriated for grants under this
18	title such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
19	years 2008 through 2012.
20	"SEC. 293. ALLOCATIONS FOR STATES, INDIAN TRIBES, IN-
21	SULAR AREAS, AND PARTICIPATING LOCAL
22	JURISDICTIONS.
23	"For fiscal year 2008 and for each fiscal year there-
24	after, of the total amount available for assistance under

1	this subtitle, the Secretary shall allocate for use under sec-
2	tion 294—
3	"(1) 40 percent for States, Indian tribes, and
4	insular areas; and
5	"(2) 60 percent for participating local jurisdic-
6	tions.
7	"SEC. 294. GRANT ASSISTANCE.
8	"(a) Affordable Housing Needs Formula.—
9	"(1) ESTABLISHMENT AND FACTORS.—The
10	Secretary shall establish a formula to allocate
11	amounts made available for a fiscal year for assist-
12	ance under this subtitle among States, all Indian
13	tribes, insular areas, and participating local jurisdic-
14	tions based on the relative needs of such entities, for
15	funds to increase the supply of decent quality afford-
16	able housing. The formula shall be based upon a
17	comparison of the following factors with respect to
18	each State, Indian tribes, each insular area, and
19	each participating local jurisdiction:
20	"(A) The ratio of the population of the
21	State, Indian tribes, insular area, or partici-
22	pating local jurisdiction, to the aggregate popu-
23	lation of all States, Indian tribes, insular areas,
24	and participating local jurisdictions

1	"(B) The percentage of families in the ju
2	risdiction of the State, of Indian tribes, or o
3	the insular area or participating local jurisdic
4	tion that live in substandard housing.
5	"(C) The percentage of families in the ju-
6	risdiction of the State, of Indian tribes, or of
7	the insular area or that pay more than 50 per-
8	cent of their annual income for housing costs
9	"(D) The percentage of persons in the ju-
10	risdiction of the State, of Indian tribes, or of
11	the insular area or participating local jurisdic-
12	tion having an income at or below the poverty
13	line.
14	"(E) The cost of constructing or carrying
15	out rehabilitation of housing in the jurisdiction
16	of the State, of Indian tribes, or of the insular
17	area or participating local jurisdiction.
18	"(F) The percentage of the population of
19	the State, of Indian tribes, or of the insular
20	area or participating local jurisdiction that re-
21	sides in counties having extremely low vacancy
22	rates.
23	"(G) The percentage of housing stock in
24	the jurisdiction of the State, of Indian tribes, or

1	of the insular area or participating local juris-
2	diction that is extremely old housing.
3	"(H) Any other factors that the Secretary
4	determines to be appropriate.
5	"(2) FAILURE TO ESTABLISH.—Until such time
6	as the Secretary publishes a notice in the Federal
7	Register implementing regulations establishing the
8	formula required under paragraph (1) of this sub-
9	section, for the purpose of allocating assistance
10	under this subtitle—
11	"(A) section 293, paragraphs (2) and (3)
12	of subsection (b) of this section, and subsection
13	(c) of this section shall not apply;
14	"(B) the allocation for Indian tribes shall
15	be such amount as the Secretary shall establish;
16	and
17	"(C) the formula amount for each State,
18	insular area, or participating local jurisdiction
19	shall be determined by applying, for such State,
20	insular area, or participating local jurisdiction,
21	the percentage that is equal to the percentage
22	of the total amounts made available for such
23	fiscal year for allocation under subtitle Λ of this
24	title (42 U.S.C. 12741 et seq.) that are allo-
25	cated in such year, pursuant to such subtitle, to

1	such State, insular area, or participating local
2	jurisdiction, respectively, and the allocation for
3	each State, insular area, or participating local
4	jurisdiction, for purposes of subsection (d) shall
5	be the formula amount for the State, insular
6	area, or participating local jurisdiction, respec-
7	tively.
8	"(b) FORMULA AMOUNT.—
9	"(1) In General.—For each fiscal year re-
10	ferred to in section 293, the Secretary shall deter-
11	mine the formula amount under this subsection for
12	each State, for Indian tribes, for each insular area,
13	and for each participating local jurisdiction.
14	"(2) STATES, INDIAN TRIBES, AND INSULAR
15	AREAS.—The formula amount for each State, for In-
16	dian tribes, and for each insular area shall be the
17	amount determined for such State, for Indian tribes,
18	or for such insular area by applying the formula
19	under subsection (a) of this section to the total
20	amount allocated under section 293(1) for all States,
21	Indian tribes, and insular areas for the fiscal year.
22	"(3) Participating local jurisdictions.—
23	The formula amount for each participating local ju-
24	risdiction shall be the amount determined for such

participating local jurisdiction by applying the for-

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1	mula under subsection (a) of this section to the tota
2	amount allocated under section 293(2) for all par-
3	ticipating local jurisdictions for the fiscal year.
4	"(4) NOTICE.—For each fiscal year referred to
5	in section 293, not later than 60 days after the date
6	that the Secretary determines the total amount
7	available for such fiscal year pursuant to section
8	292(c) for assistance under this subtitle, the Sec-
9	retary shall cause to be published in the Federal
10	Register a notice that such amounts shall be so
11	available.
12	"(c) Allocation Based on Affordable Housing
13	NEEDS FORMULA.—The allocation under this subsection
14	for a State, for Indian tribes, for an insular area, or for
15	a participating local jurisdiction for a fiscal year shall be
16	determined as follows:
17	"(1) States.—The allocation for a State shall
18	be as follows:
19	"(A) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—If the formula
20	amount determined under subsection (b)(2) for
21	the State for the fiscal year is less than 1 per-
22	cent of the total amount allocated for such fis-
23	cal year under section 293(1), the allocation for
24	the State shall be 1 percent of the total amount

1	allocated for such fiscal year under section
2	293(1).
3	"(B) FORMULA AMOUNT.—If the formula
4	amount determined under subsection (b)(2) for
5	the State for the fiscal year is 1 percent or
6	more of the total amount allocated for such fis-
7	cal year under section 293(1), the allocation for
8	the State shall be the formula amount for the
9	State, except that the Secretary shall reduce
10	such formula amounts for all States whose allo-
11	cations are determined under this subparagraph
12	on a pro rata basis by the amount necessary to
13	account for any increases from the formula
14	amount for allocations made under subpara-
15	graph (A) so that the total of the allocations for
16	all States pursuant to this paragraph is equal
17	to the aggregate of the formula amounts under
18	subsection (b)(2) for all States.
19	"(2) Indian tribes and insular areas.—
20	The allocation for Indian tribes and for each insular
21	area shall be the formula amount for Indian tribes
22	or for the insular area, respectively, determined
23	under subsection (b), as applicable.
24	"(3) PARTICIPATING LOCAL JURISDICTIONS.—
25	The allocation for each participating local jurisdic-

1	tion shall be the formula amount for the unit deter-
2	mined under subsection (b).
.3	"(d) Grant Awards.—For each fiscal year referred
4	to in section 293, using the amounts made available to
5	the Secretary for assistance under this subtitle for such
6	fiscal year, the Secretary shall, subject to subsection (e),
7	make a grant to each State, insular area, and partici-
8	pating local jurisdiction in the amount of the allocation
9	under subsection (a)(2) or (c), as applicable, for the State,
10	area, or jurisdiction, respectively.
11	"(e) Matching Requirement.—
12	"(1) IN GENERAL.—Each participating jurisdic-
13	tion for a program year shall contribute to eligible
14	activities funded with grant amounts under this sub-
15	title, or require the contribution to such eligible ac-
16	tivities by recipients of such grant amounts of, in
17	addition to any such grant amounts, one dollar for
18	every four dollars of such grant amounts.
19	"(2) REDUCTION OR WAIVER FOR RECIPIENTS
20	IN FISCAL DISTRESS.—The Secretary may reduce or
21	waive the requirement under paragraph (1) with re-
22	spect to any participating jurisdiction that the Sec-
23	retary determines, pursuant to such demonstration
24	by the recipient as the Secretary shall require, is in
25	fiscal distress. The Secretary shall make determina-

1	tions regarding fiscal distress for purposes of this
2	paragraph in the same manner, and according to the
3	same criteria, as fiscal distress is determined with
4	respect to jurisdictions under section 220(d) (42
5	U.S.C. 12750(d)).

"(3) QUALIFICATION OF SERVICES FUNDING FOR MATCH.—For purposes of meeting the requirements of paragraph (1), amounts that a participating jurisdiction, recipient, or other governmental or private agency or entity commits to contribute to provide services to residents of affordable housing provided using grant amounts under this subtitle, by entering into a binding commitment for such contribution as the Secretary shall require, shall be considered contributions to eligible activities.

"(4) REDUCTION OR WAIVER FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—With respect to grant amounts under
this subtitle made available for a fiscal year, the
Secretary shall reduce or waive the amount of contributions otherwise required under paragraph (1) to
be made with respect to eligible activities to be carried out with such grant amounts and for which any
variance from zoning laws or other waiver of regulatory requirements was approved by the local jurisdiction. Such reduction may be implemented in the

1	year following the year in which such activities are
2	funded with grant amounts under this subtitle.
3	"(5) WAIVER FOR DISASTER AREAS.—In the
4	case of any area that is subject to a declaration by
5	the President of a major disaster or emergency
6	under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
7	Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121), the
8	Secretary shall, for the fiscal year following such
9	declaration, waive the requirement under paragraph
10	(1) with respect to any eligible activities to be car-
11	ried out in such area.
12	"(f) Competitive Grants for Indian Tribes.—
13	For each fiscal year referred to in section 293, the Sec-
14	retary shall, using amounts allocated for Indian tribes
15	pursuant to subsection (a)(2)(B) or (c)(2), as applicable,
16	and subject to subsection (e), make grants to Indian tribes
17	on a competitive basis, based upon such criteria as the
18	Secretary shall establish, which shall include the factors
19	specified in section 295(c)(2)(B).
20	"(g) Use by State of Unused Funds of Local
21	JURISDICTIONS.—If any participating local jurisdiction
22	for which an allocation is made for a fiscal year pursuant
23	to this section notifies the Secretary of an intent not to
24	use all or part of such funds, any such funds that will
25	not be used by the jurisdiction shall be added to the grant

1	award under subsection (d) for the State in which such
2	jurisdiction is located.
3	"(h) Competitive Grants for Areas Without
4	ALLOCATION PLANS AND RECIPIENTS WITH INSUFFI-
5	CIENT MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.—
6	"(1) AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.—For a fiscal year,
7	the following amounts shall be available for grants
8	under this subsection:
9	"(A) ALLOCATION FOR AREAS NOT SUB-
10	MITTING ALLOCATION PLANS.—With respect to
11	each State, insular area, or participating local
12	jurisdiction that has not, before the expiration
13	of the 12-month period beginning upon the date
14	of the publication of the notice of funding avail-
15	ability for such fiscal year under subsection
16	(b)(4), submitted to and had approved by the
17	Secretary an allocation plan for such fiscal year
18	meeting the requirements of section 295, the
19	amount of the allocation for such State, insular
20	area, or participating local jurisdiction for such
21	fiscal year determined under this section.
22	"(B) UNMATCHED PORTION OF ALLOCA-
23	TION.—With respect to any participating juris-
24	diction for which the grant amount awarded
25	under this subtitle for such fiscal year is re-

1	duced from the amount of the allocation deter
2	mined under this section for the participating
3	jurisdiction by reason of failure comply with the
4	requirements under subsection (e), the amoun
5	by which such allocation for the participating
6	jurisdiction for the fiscal year exceeds the gran
7	amount for the participating jurisdiction for the
8	fiscal year.
9	"(C) UNUSED AMOUNTS.—Any grant
10	amounts under this subtitle for which the par-
11	ticipating jurisdiction notifies the Secretary
12	that such funds will not be used under this sub-
13	title.
14	"(2) Notice.—For each fiscal year, not later
15	than 60 days after the date that the Secretary deter-
16	mines that the amounts described in paragraph (1)
17	shall be available for grants under this subsection,
18	the Secretary shall cause to be published in the Fed-
19	eral Register a notice that such amounts shall be so
20	available.
21	"(3) Applications.—The Secretary shall pro-
22	vide for nonprofit and public entities (and consortia
23	thereof, which may include regional consortia of
24	units of local government) to submit applications,
25	during the 9-month period beginning upon publica-

1	tion of a notice of funding availability under para-
2	graph (2) for a fiscal year, for a grant of all or a
3	portion of the amounts referred to in paragraph (1)
4	for such fiscal year. Such an application shall in-
5	clude a certification that the applicant will comply
6	with all requirements of this subtitle applicable to a
7	participating jurisdiction under this subsection.
8	"(4) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary
9	shall, by regulation, establish criteria for selecting
10	applicants that meet the requirements of paragraph
11	(3) for funding under this subsection. Such criteria
12	shall give priority to applications that provide that
13	grant amounts under this subsection will be used for
14	eligible activities relating to affordable housing that
15	is located in the State or insular area, as applicable,
16	for which such grant funds were originally allocated
17	under this section.
18	"(5) Award and use of grant assist-
19	ANCE.—
20	"(A) AWARD.—Subject only to the absence
21	of applications meeting the requirements of
22	paragraph (3), upon the expiration of the pe-
23	riod referred to in such paragraph, the Sec-
24	retary shall select an applicant or applicants
25	under this subsection to receive the amounts

1	available under paragraph (1) and shall make a
2	grant or grants to such applicant or applicants.
3	The selection shall be based upon the criteria
4	established under paragraph (4).
5	"(B) USE.—Amounts from a grant under
6	this subsection shall be grant amounts for pur-
7	poses of this subtitle.
8	"SEC. 295. STATE ALLOCATION PLANS.
9	"(a) In General.—Each State shall establish, in
10	consultation with participation local jurisdictions within
11	the State, an allocation plan in accordance with this sec-
12	tion for the distribution grant amounts provided under
13	this subtitle to the State and the participating local juris-
14	dictions. The plan shall—
15	"(1) provide for use of such amounts in accord-
16	ance with section 296;
17	"(2) be based on priority needs within the
18	State; and
19	"(3) be consistent with the comprehensive hous-
20	ing affordability strategy under section 105 (42
21	U.S.C. 12705).
22	"(b) Establishment.—In establishing an allocation
23	plan, after consultation with participating local jurisdic-
24	tions, the State shall notify the public of the establishment
25	of the plan provide an opportunity for public comments

1	regarding the plan, consider any public comments re-
2	ceived, and make the completed plan available to the pub-
3	lie.
4	"(c) Contents.—Each allocation plan of a State de-
5	scribed in subsection (a) shall comply with the following
6	requirements:
7	"(1) Application requirements for eligi-
8	BLE RECIPIENTS.—The allocation plan shall set
9	forth the requirements for eligible recipients to apply
10	to the State to receive assistance from grant
11	amounts under this subtitle of the State or partici-
12	pating local jurisdiction for use for eligible activities,
13	including a requirement that each such application
14	include
15	"(A) a description of the eligible activities
16	to be conducted using such assistance; and
17	"(B) a certification by the eligible recipient
18	applying for such assistance that any housing
19	assisted with such grant amounts will comply
20	with—
21	"(i) all of the requirements under this
22	subtitle, including the targeting require-
23	ments under section 296(c) and the afford-
24	able housing requirements under section
25	297;

1	"(11) section 808(d) of the Fair Hous-
2	ing Act (relating to the obligation to af-
3	firmatively further fair housing); and
4	"(iii) section 504 of the Rehabilitation
5	Act of 1973 (relating to prohibition of dis-
6	crimination on the basis of disability).
7	"(2) Selection process and criteria for
8	ASSISTANCE.—
9	"(A) SELECTION PROCESS.—The allocation
10	plan shall set forth a process for the State to
11	select eligible activities meeting the State's pri-
12	ority housing needs for funding with grant
13	amounts under this subtitle of the State and
14	local governments, which shall comply with re-
15	quirements for such process as the Secretary
16	shall, by regulation, establish.
17	"(B) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The alloca-
18	tion plan shall set forth the factors for consid-
19	eration in selecting among applicants that meet
20	the application requirements established pursu-
21	ant to paragraph (1), which shall provide for
22	geographic diversity among eligible activities to
23	be assisted with grant amounts of the State or
24	participating local jurisdictions, and shall in-
25	clude—

1	"(i) the merits of the proposed eligible
2	activity of the applicant, including the ex-
3	tent to which the activity addresses hous-
4	ing needs identified in the allocation plan
5	of the participating jurisdiction and the
6	applicable comprehensive housing afford-
7	ability strategy or consolidated submission
8	referred to in subsection (a)(3);
9	"(ii) the ability of the applicant to ob-
10	ligate grant amounts for the proposed eli-
11	gible activities and to undertake such ac-
12	tivities in a timely manner;
13	"(iii) the amount of assistance lever-
14	aged by the applicant from private and
15	other non-Federal sources for carrying out
16	the eligible activities to be funded with
17	grant amounts under this subtitle, includ-
18	ing assistance made available under section
19	8 of the United States Housing Act of
20	1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) that is devoted to
21	the project that contains the affordable
22	housing to be assisted with such assist-
23	ance;
24	"(iv) the extent of local assistance
25	that will be provided in carrying out the el-

1	igible activities, including financial assist-
2	ance;
3	"(v) the degree to which the project in
4	which the affordable housing will be lo-
5	cated will have residents of various in-
6	comes;
7	"(vi) the extent of employment and
8	other economic opportunities for low-in-
9	come families in the area in which the
10	housing will be located;
11	"(vii) the extent to which the appli-
12	cant demonstrates the ability to maintain
13	dwelling units as affordable housing
14	through the use of assistance made avail-
15	able under this subtitle, assistance lever-
16	aged from non-Federal sources, assistance
17	made available under section 8 of the
18	United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
19	U.S.C. 1437f), State or local assistance,
20	programs to increase tenant income, cross-
21	subsidization, and any other resources;
22	"(viii) the extent to which the appli-
23	cant demonstrates that the county in
24	which the housing is to be located is expe-
25	riencing an extremely low vacancy rate;

1	"(ix) the extent to which the percent-
2	age of the housing located in such county
3	that is extremely old housing exceeds 35
4	percent;
5	"(x) the extent to which the housing
6	assisted with the grant amounts will be ac-
7	cessible to persons with disabilities;
8	"(xi) the extent to which the applicant
9	demonstrates that the affordable housing
10	assisted with the grant amounts will be lo-
11	cated in proximity to public transportation,
12	job opportunities, child care, and commu-
13	nity revitalization projects;
14	"(xii) the extent to which the appli-
15	cant has provided that assistance from
16	grant amounts will be used for eligible ac-
17	tivities relating to housing located in cen-
18	sus tracts in which the number of families
19	having incomes less than the poverty line is
20	less than 20 percent; and
21	"(xiii) the extent to which the housing
22	assisted with grant amounts will comply
23	with energy efficiency standards and the
24	national Green Communities criteria
25	checklist for residential construction that

1	provides criteria for the design, develop-
2	ment, and operation of affordable housing,
3	as the Secretary shall by regulation pro-
4	${ m vide}.$
5	A State may allocate a portion of funds under
6	this section for use by such State for eligible
7	activities pursuant to the selection process
8	under subparagraph (A).
9	"(C) Applications.—Applications for
10	funding eligible activities from grant amounts
11	of the local government shall be submitted to
12	the local government, and applications received
13	by the local government that are consistent with
14	the priority housing needs of the local govern-
15	ment shall be sent by the local government to
16	the State for selection by the State in accord-
17	ance with the process established by the State.
18	"(3) Performance goals, benchmarks, and
19	TIMETABLES.—The allocation plan shall include per-
20	formance goals, benchmarks, and timetables for the
21	participating jurisdiction for the conducting of eligi-
22	ble activities with grant amounts under this subtitle
23	that comply with requirements and standards for
24	such goals, benchmarks, and timetables as the Sec-
25	retary shall, by regulation, establish.

1	"(d) Review and Approval by Secretary.—
2	"(1) Submission.—A participating jurisdiction
3	described in subsection (a) shall submit an allocation
4	plan for the fiscal year for which the grant is made
5	to the Secretary not later than the expiration of the
6	6-month period beginning upon the notice of funding
7	availability under section 294(b)(4) for such fiscal
8	year amounts.
9	"(2) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OR DIS-
10	APPROVAL.—The Secretary shall review and approve
11	or disapprove an allocation plan not later than the
12	expiration of the 3-month period beginning upon
13	submission of the plan.
14	"(3) STANDARD FOR DISAPPROVAL.—The Sec-
15	retary may disapprove an allocation plan only if the
16	plan fails to comply with requirements of this sec-
17	tion or section 296.
18	"(4) RESUBMISSION UPON DISAPPROVAL.—If
19	the Secretary disapproves a plan, the participating
20	jurisdiction may submit to the Secretary a revised
21	plan for review and approval or disapproval under
22	this subsection.
23	"(5) Timing for fiscal year 2008.—With re-
24	spect only to fiscal year 2008, the Secretary may ex-
25	tend each of the periods referred to in paragraphs

1	(1) and (2), and the period referred to in section
2	294(h)(1)(A), by not more than 6 months.
3	"(e) Compliance With Internal Revenue
4	CODE.—A State may combine the allocation plan and
5	process under this section with the qualified allocation
6	plan and process required under section 42 of the Internal
7	Revenue Code of 1986.
8	"SEC. 296. USE OF ASSISTANCE BY RECIPIENTS.
9	"(a) Distribution to Recipients; Use Require-
10	MENTS.—Each participating jurisdiction shall distribute
11	grant amounts under this subtitle of the participating ju-
12	risdiction to eligible recipients for use in accordance with
13	this section. Grant amounts under this subtitle of a par-
14	ticipating jurisdiction may be used, or committed for use,
15	only for eligible activities that—
16	"(1) are conducted in the jurisdiction of the
17	participating jurisdiction;
18	"(2) in the case of a participating jurisdiction
19	that is a State, insular area, participating local ju-
20	risdiction, or participating jurisdiction under section
21	294(h), comply with the allocation plan of the par-
22	ticipating jurisdiction under section 295;
23	"(3) are selected for funding by the partici-
24	pating jurisdiction in accordance with the process

1	and criteria for such selection established pursuant
2	to section $295(c)(2)$; and
3	"(4) comply with the targeting requirements
4	under subsection (c) of this section and the afford-
5	able housing requirements under section 297.
6	"(b) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—Grant amounts under
7	this subtitle of a participating jurisdiction may be provided
8	only to an organization, agency, or other entity (including
9	a for-profit entity, a nonprofit entity, a faith-based organi-
10	zation, a community development financial institution, a
11	community development corporation, and a State or local
12	housing trust fund) that—
13	"(1) demonstrates the experience, ability, and
14	capacity (including financial capacity) to undertake,
15	comply, and manage the eligible activity;
16	"(2) demonstrates its familiarly with the re-
17	quirements of any other Federal, State or local
18	housing program that will be used in conjunction
19	with such grant amounts to ensure compliance with
20	all applicable requirements and regulations of such
21	programs; and
22	"(3) makes such assurances to the participating
23	jurisdiction as the Secretary shall, by regulation, re-
24	quire to ensure that the recipient will comply with
25	the requirements of this subtitle during the entire

1	period that begins upon selection of the recipient to
2	receive such grant amounts and ending upon the
3	conclusion of all eligible activities that are engaged
4	in by the recipient and funded with such grant
5	amounts.
6	"(c) Targeting Requirements.—The targeting re-
7	quirements under this subsection are as follows:
8	"(1) REQUIREMENT OF USE OF ALL AMOUNTS
9	FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME FAMI-
10	LIES.—All grant amounts under this subtitle of a
11	participating jurisdiction shall be distributed for use
12	only for eligible activities relating to affordable hous-
13	ing that are for the benefit only of families whose
14	incomes do not exceed 80 percent of the greater of—
15	"(A) the median family income for the
16	area in which the housing is located, as deter-
17	mined by the Secretary with adjustments for
18	smaller and larger families; and
19	"(B) the median family income for the
20	State or insular area in which the housing is lo-
21	cated, as determined by the Secretary with ad-
22	justments for smaller and larger families.
23	"(2) USE OF 75 PERCENT FOR AFFORDABLE
24	HOUSING FOR EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME FAMI-
25	LIES.—Not less than 75 percent of the grant

1	amounts under this subtitle of a participating juris-
2	diction for each fiscal year shall be used only for eli-
3	gible activities relating to affordable housing that
4	are for the benefit only of families whose incomes do
5	not exceed the higher of—
6	"(A) 30 percent of the median family in-
7	come for the area in which the housing is lo-
8	cated, as determined by the Secretary with ad-
9	justments for smaller and larger families; and
10	"(B) the poverty line (as such term is de-
11	fined in section 673 of the Omnibus Budget
12	Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902),
13	including any revision required by such section)
14	applicable to a family of the size involved.
15	"(3) Use of 30 percent for affordable
16	HOUSING FOR VERY POOR FAMILIES.—Not less than
17	30 percent of the grant amounts under this subtitle
18	of a participating jurisdiction for each fiscal year
19	shall be used only for eligible activities relating to
20	affordable housing that are for the benefit only of
21	families whose incomes do not exceed the maximum
22	amount of income that an individual or family could
23	have, taking into consideration any income dis-
24	regards, and remain eligible for benefits under the
25	Supplemental Security Income program under title

1	XVI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et
2	seq.).
3	"(d) USE FOR RURAL AREAS.—Of the grant amounts
4	under this subtitle for any fiscal year for any participating
5	jurisdiction that is a State or participating jurisdiction
6	that includes any rural areas, the State or participating
7	jurisdiction shall use a portion for eligible activities located
8	in rural areas that is proportionate to the identified need
9	for such activities in such rural areas.
10	"(e) Cost Limits.—The Secretary shall establish
11	limitations on the amount of grant amounts under this
12	subtitle that may be used, on a per unit basis, for eligible
13	activities. Such limitations shall be the same as the per
14	unit cost limits established pursuant to section 212(e) (42
15	U.S.C. 12742(e)), as adjusted annually, and established
16	by number of bedrooms, market area, and eligible activity.
17	"(f) Forms of Assistance.—
18	"(1) In general.—Assistance may be distrib-
19	uted pursuant to this section in the form of—
20	"(A) capital grants, noninterest-bearing or
21	low-interest loans or advances, deferred pay-
22	ment loans, guarantees, and loan loss reserves;
23	"(B) in the case of assistance for owner-
24	ship of one- to four-family owner-occupied hous-
25	ing, downpayment assistance, closing cost as-

1	sistance, and assistance for interest rate buy-
2	downs; and
3	"(C) any other forms of assistance ap-
4	proved by the Secretary.
5	"(2) Repayments.—If a participating jurisdic-
6	tion awards assistance under this section in the form
7	of a loan or other mechanism by which funds are
8	later repaid to the participating jurisdiction, any re-
9	payments and returns received by the participating
10	jurisdiction shall be distributed by the participating
11	jurisdiction in accordance with the allocation plan
12	under section 295 for the State for the fiscal year
13	in which such repayments are made or returns are
14	received.
15	"(g) COORDINATION WITH OTHER ASSISTANCE.—In
16	distributing assistance pursuant to this section, each par-
17	ticipating jurisdiction shall, to the maximum extent prac-
8	ticable, coordinate such distribution with the provision of
9	other Federal, State, tribal, and local housing assistance,
20	including—
21	"(1) in the case of any State, housing credit
22	dollar amounts allocated by the State under section
23	42(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
24	"(2) assistance made available under subtitles
25	A through F (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.) or the com-

1	munity development block grant program under title
2	I of the Housing and Community Development Act
3	of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.);
4	"(3) private activity bonds;
5	"(4) assistance made available under section 9
6	of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
7	U.S.C. 1437g);
8	"(5) assistance made available under section
9	8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
10	U.S.C. 1437f(o));
11	"(6) assistance made available under title V of
12	the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.);
13	"(7) assistance made available under section
14	101 of the Native American Housing Assistance and
15	Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111);
16	"(8) assistance made available from any State
17	or local housing trust fund established to provide or
18	assist in making available affordable housing; and
19	"(9) any other housing assistance programs.
20	"(h) Prohibited Uses.—The Secretary shall—
21	"(1) by regulation, set forth prohibited uses of
22	grant amounts under this subtitle, which shall in-
23	clude use for—
24	"(A) political activities;
25	"(B) advocacy;

1	"(C) lobbying, whether directly or through
2	other parties;
3	"(D) counseling services;
4	"(E) travel expenses; and
5	"(F) preparing or providing advice on tax
6	returns;
7	"(2) by regulation, provide that, except as pro-
8	vided in paragraph (3), grant amounts under this
9	subtitle may not be used for administrative, out-
10	reach, or other costs of—
11	"(A) a participating jurisdiction; or
12	"(B) any recipient of such grant amounts;
13	and
14	"(3) by regulation, limit the amount of any
15	grant amounts under this subtitle for a fiscal year
16	that may be used for administrative costs of the par-
17	ticipating jurisdiction of carrying out the program
18	required under this subtitle to a percentage of such
19	grant amounts of the participating jurisdiction for
20	such fiscal year, which may not exceed 10 percent.
21	"(i) LABOR STANDARDS.—Each participating juris-
22	diction receiving grant amounts under this subtitle shall
23	ensure that contracts for eligible activities assisted with
24	such amounts comply with the same requirements under
25	section 286 (42 U.S.C. 12836) that are applicable to con-

1	tracts for construction of affordable housing assisted
2	under such Act.
3	"(j) Compliance With Other Federal Laws.—
4	All amounts made available for use under this subtitle
5	shall be allocated in accordance with, and any eligible ac-
6	tivities carried out in whole or in part with grant amounts
7	under this subtitle (including housing provided with such
8	grant amounts) shall comply with and be operated in com-
9	pliance with, other applicable provisions of Federal law,
10	including—
11	"(1) laws relating to tenant protections and
12	tenant rights to participate in decision making re-
13	garding their residences;
14	"(2) laws requiring public participation, includ-
15	ing laws relating to Consolidated Plans, Qualified
16	Allocation Plans, and Public Housing Agency Plans;
17	and
18	"(3) fair housing laws and laws regarding ac-
19	cessibility in federally assisted housing, including
20	section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
21	"SEC. 297. AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
22	"(a) Rental Housing.—A rental dwelling unit
23	(which may include a dwelling unit in limited equity coop-
24	erative housing, as such term is defined in section 143(k)
25	of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 143(k))

l	or in housing of a cooperative housing corporation, as such
2	term is defined in section 216(b) of the Internal Revenue
3	Code of 1986 (26 U.S.A. 216(b))), shall be considered af-
4	fordable housing for purposes of this subtitle only if the
5	dwelling unit is subject to legally binding commitments
6	that ensure that the dwelling unit meets all of the fol-
7	lowing requirements:
8	"(1) Rents.—The dwelling unit bears a rent
9	not greater than the lesser of—
10	"(A) the existing fair market rental estab-
11	lished by the Secretary under section 8(c) of
12	the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
13	U.S.C. 1437f(c)) for a dwelling unit of the
14	same size in the same market area, or the ap-
15	plicable payment standard for assistance under
16	section 8(o) of such Act, if higher; and
17	"(B) a rent that does not exceed 30 per-
18	cent of the adjusted income of a family whose
19	income equals 65 percent of the median income
20	for the area, as determined by the Secretary,
21	with adjustment for number of bedrooms in the
22	unit, except that the Secretary may establish
23	income ceilings higher or lower than 65 percent
24	of the median for the area on the basis of the
25	findings of the Secretary that such variations

1	are necessary because of prevailing levels of
2	construction costs or fair market rents, or un-
3	usually high or low family incomes.
4	"(2) TENANT RENT CONTRIBUTION.—The con-
5	tribution toward rent by the family residing in the
6	dwelling unit will not exceed 30 percent of the ad-
7	justed income of such family.
8	"(3) Non-discrimination against voucher
9	HOLDERS.—The dwelling unit is located in a project
10	in which all dwelling units are subject to enforceable
11	restrictions that provide that a unit may not be re-
12	fused for leasing to a holder of a voucher of eligi-
13	bility under section 8 of the United States Housing
14	Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) because of the status
15	of the prospective tenant as a holder of such vouch-
16	er.
17	"(4) MIXED INCOME.—
18	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The dwelling unit is
19	located in a project in which not more than 50
20	percent of the rental units in the project that
21	receive assistance under this subtitle and are
22	not previously occupied may be rented initially
23	to families with incomes described in section
24	295(e)(2), as determined at a reasonable time
25	before occupancy.

1	"(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Subparagraph (A)
2	shall not apply in the case of a project having
3	25 or fewer dwelling units that is—
4	"(i) located in a census tract in which
5	the number of families having incomes less
6	than the poverty line is less than 20 per-
7	cent;
8	"(ii) located in a rural area, as such
9	term is defined in section 520 of the Hous-
10	ing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490); or
11	"(iii) specifically made available only
12	for households comprised of elderly fami-
13	lies or disabled families.
14	"(5) Visitability.—To the extent the dwelling
15	unit is not required under Federal law to comply
16	with standards relating to accessibility to persons
17	with disabilities, the dwelling unit complies with
18	such basic visitability standards as the Secretary
19	shall by regulation provide.
20	"(6) DURATION OF USE.—The dwelling unit
21	will continue to be subject to all requirements under
22	this subsection for not less than 50 years.
23	"(b) OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING.—For purposes of
24	any eligible activity involving one- to four-family owner-
25	occupied housing (which may include housing of a cooper-

1	ative nousing corporation, as such term is defined in sec-
2	tion 216(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26
3	U.S.A. 216(b))), such a residence shall be considered af-
4	fordable housing for purposes of this subtitle only if—
5	"(1) in the case of housing to be made available
6	for purchase—
7	"(A) the housing is available for purchase
8	only for use as a principal residence by families
9	that qualify as first-time homebuyers, as such
10	term is defined in section 104 (42 U.S.C.
11	12704), except that any reference in such sec-
12	tion to assistance under title II of this Act shall
13	for purposes of this section be considered to
14	refer to assistance from grant amounts under
15	this subtitle;
16	"(B) the housing has an initial purchase
17	price that meets the requirements of section
18	215(b)(1); and
19	"(C) the housing is subject to the same re-
20	sale restrictions established under section
21	215(b)(3) and applicable to the participating
22	jurisdiction that is the State in which such
23	housing is located; and
24	"(2) the housing is made available for purchase
25	only by, or in the case of assistance to a homebuyer

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pursuant to this subsection, the assistance is made
available only to, homebuyers who have, before pur-
chase, completed a program of counseling with re-
spect to the responsibilities and financial manage-
ment involved in homeownership that is approved by
the Secretary; except that the Secretary may, at the
request of a State, waive the requirements of this
paragraph with respect to a geographic area or
areas within the State if—
"(A) the travel time or distance involved in
providing counseling with respect to such area
or areas, as otherwise required under this para-
graph, on an in-person basis is excessive or the
cost of such travel is prohibitive; and
"(B) the State provides alternative forms
of counseling for such area or areas, which may
include interactive telephone counseling, on-line
counseling, interactive video counseling, and
interactive home study counseling and a pro-
gram of financial literacy and education to pro-
mote an understanding of consumer, economic,
and personal finance issues and concepts, in-
cluding saving for retirement, managing credit,
long-term care, and estate planning and edu-
cation on predatory lending, identity theft, and

1	financial abuse schemes relating to homeowner-
2	ship that is approved by the Secretary, except
3	that entities providing such counseling shall not
4	discriminate against any particular form of
5	housing; and
6	"SEC. 298. OTHER PROVISIONS.
7	"(a) Effect of Assistance Under Program.—
8	Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provision
9	of assistance under this subtitle for a project shall not re-
10	duce the amount of assistance for which such project is
11	otherwise eligible under subtitles A through F of this title,
12	if the project does not exceed the cost limits established
13	pursuant to section 296(e).
14	"(b) Accountability of Participating Jurisdic-
15	TIONS AND RECIPIENTS.—
16	"(1) Recipients.—
17	"(A) TRACKING OF FUNDS.—The Sec-
18	retary shall—
19	"(i) require each participating juris-
20	diction to develop and maintain a system
21	to ensure that each recipient of assistance
22	from grant amounts under this subtitle of
23	the participating jurisdiction uses such
24	amounts in accordance with this subtitle,
25	the regulations issued under this subtitle,

1	and any requirements or conditions under
2	which such amounts were provided; and
3	"(ii) establish minimum requirements
4	for agreements, between the participating
5	jurisdiction and recipients, regarding as-
6	sistance from the grant amounts under
7	this subtitle of the participating jurisdic-
8	tion, which shall include—
9	"(I) appropriate continuing fi-
10	nancial and project reporting, record
11	retention, and audit requirements for
12	the duration of the grant to the re-
13	cipient to ensure compliance with the
14	limitations and requirements of this
15	subtitle and the regulations under this
16	subtitle; and
17	"(II) any other requirements that
18	the Secretary determines are nec-
19	essary to ensure appropriate grant ad-
20	ministration and compliance.
21	"(B) MISUSE OF FUNDS.—
22	"(i) REIMBURSEMENT REQUIRE-
23	MENT.—If any recipient of assistance from
24	grant amounts under this subtitle of a par-
25	ticipating jurisdiction is determined, in ac-

1	cordance with clause (11), to have used any
2	such amounts in a manner that is materia
3	ally in violation of this subtitle, the regula
4	tions issued under this subtitle, or any re-
5	quirements or conditions under which such
6	amounts were provided, the participating
7	jurisdiction shall require that, within 12
8	months after the determination of such
9	misuse, the recipient shall reimburse the
10	participating jurisdiction for such misused
11	amounts and return to the participating
12	jurisdiction any amounts from the grant
13	amounts under this subtitle of the partici-
14	pating jurisdiction that remain unused or
15	uncommitted for use. The remedies under
16	this clause are in addition to any other
17	remedies that may be available under law.
18	"(ii) Determination.—A determina-
19	tion is made in accordance with this clause
20	if the determination is—
21	"(I) made by the Secretary; or
22	"(II)(aa) made by the partici-
23	pating jurisdiction;
24	"(bb) the participating jurisdic-
25	tion provides notification of the deter-

1	mination to the Secretary for review
2	in the discretion of the Secretary, of
3	the determination; and
4	"(cc) the Secretary does not sub-
5	sequently reverse the determination.
6	"(2) Participating jurisdictions.—
7	"(A) REPORT.—
8	"(i) In General.—The Secretary
9	shall require each participating jurisdiction
10	receiving grant amounts under this subtitle
11	for a fiscal year to submit a report, for
12	such fiscal year, to the Secretary that—
13	"(I) describes the activities fund-
14	ed under this subtitle during such
15	year with the grant amounts under
16	this subtitle of the participating juris-
17	diction; and
18	"(II) the manner in which the
19	participating jurisdiction complied
20	during such fiscal year with the allo-
21	cation plan established pursuant to
22	section 295 for the participating juris-
23	diction.

1	"(ii) Public availability.—The
2	Secretary shall make such reports pursu-
3	ant to this subparagraph publicly available.
4	"(B) MISUSE OF FUNDS.—If the Secretary
5	determines, after reasonable notice and oppor-
6	tunity for hearing, that a participating jurisdic-
7	tion has failed to comply substantially with any
8	provision of this subtitle and until the Secretary
9	is satisfied that there is no longer any such fail-
10	ure to comply, the Secretary shall—
11	"(i) reduce the amount of assistance
12	under this section to the participating ju-
13	risdiction by an amount equal to the
14	amount of grant amounts under this sub-
15	title which were not used in accordance
16	with this subtitle;
17	"(ii) require the participating jurisdic-
18	tion to repay the Secretary an amount
19	equal to the amount of the grant amounts
20	under this subtitle which were not used in
21	accordance with this subtitle;
22	"(iii) limit the availability of assist-
23 -	ance under this subtitle to the partici-
24	pating jurisdiction to activities or recipi-

1	ents not affected by such failure to comply
2	or
3	"(iv) terminate any assistance under
4	this subtitle to the participating jurisdic-
5	tion.
6	"(C) UNEXPENDED FUNDS.—Grant
7	amounts under this subtitle that are not com-
8	mitted to projects by the State or participating
9	local jurisdiction before the expiration of the
10	24-month period beginning the last day of the
11	month in which the Secretary executes the
12	grant agreement with the State or participating
13	local jurisdiction shall be recaptured by the Sec-
14	retary and added to amounts available in the
15	following fiscal year for formula allocation
16	under section 294.
17	"SEC. 299. DEFINITIONS.
18	"For purposes of this subtitle, the following defini-
19	tions shall apply:
20	"(1) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—The term 'eligible
21	activities' means activities relating to the construc-
22	tion, preservation, or rehabilitation of affordable
23	rental housing or affordable one- to four-family
24	owner-occupied housing, including-
25	"(A) the construction of new housing;

1	"(B) the acquisition of real property;
2	"(C) site preparation and improvement, in
3	cluding demolition;
4	"(D) rehabilitation of existing housing;
5	"(E) use of funds to facilitate affordability
6	for homeless and other extremely low-income
7	households of dwelling units assisted with grant
8	amounts under this subtitle, in a combined
9	amount not to exceed 20 percent of the project
10	grant amount, for-
11	"(i) project-based rental assistance for
12	not more than 12 months for a project as-
13	sisted with grant amounts under this sub-
14	title;
15	"(ii) project operating reserves for use
16	to cover the loss of rental assistance or in
17	conjunction with a project loan; or
18	"(iii) project operating accounts used
19	to cover net operating income shortfalls for
20	dwelling units assisted with grant amounts
21	under this subtitle; and
22	"(F) providing incentives to maintain ex-
23	isting housing (including manufactured hous-
24	ing) as affordable housing and to establish or
25	extend any low-income affordability restrictions

1	for such housing, including covering capital ex-
2	penditures and costs of establishing community
3	land trusts to provide sites for manufactured
4	housing provided such incentives;
5	"(2) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term 'eligible
6	recipient' means an entity that meets the require-
7	ments under section 296(b) for receipt of grant
8	amounts under this subtitle of a participating juris-
9	diction.
10	"(3) Extremely low vacancy rate.—The
11	term 'extremely low vacancy rate' means a housing
12	or rental vacancy rate of 2 percent or less.
13	"(4) Extremely old housing.—The term
14	'extremely old housing' means housing that is 45
15	years old or older.
16	"(5) Families.—The term 'families' has the
17	meaning given such term in section 3(b) of the
18	United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
19	1437a(b)).
20	"(6) FISCAL DISTRESS; SEVERE FISCAL DIS-
21	TRESS.—The terms 'fiscal distress' and 'severe fiscal
22	distress' have the meanings given such terms in sec-
23	tion 220(d).
24	"(7) GRANT AMOUNTS.—The term 'grant
25	amounts' means amounts that are provided to a par-

1	ticipating jurisdiction pursuant to subsection (d)
2	(f), or (h) of section 294.
3	"(8) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term 'Indian tribe
4	means a federally recognized Indian tribe.
5	"(9) Insular area.—The term 'insular area
6	has the meaning given such term in section 104.
7	"(10) Participating local jurisdiction.—
8	The term 'participating local jurisdiction' means,
9	with respect to a fiscal year—
10	"(A) any unit of general local government
11	(as such term is defined in section 104 (42
12	U.S.C. 12704) that qualifies as a participating
13	jurisdiction under section 216 (42 U.S.C.
14	12746) for such fiscal year; and
15	"(B) at the option of such a consortium,
16	any consortium of units of general local govern-
17	ments that is designated pursuant to section
18	216 (42 U.S.C. 12746) as a participating juris-
19	diction for purposes of title II.
20	"(11) PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION.—The
21	term 'participating jurisdiction' means—
22	"(A) a State, insular area, or participating
23	local jurisdiction for which a grant is made
24	under section 294(d);

1	"(B) an Indian tribe for which a grant is
2	made under section 294(f); or
3	"(C) a nonprofit or public entity for which
4	a grant is made under section 294(h).
5	"(12) POVERTY LINE.—The term 'poverty line'
6	has the meaning given such term in section 673(2)
7	of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981,
8	including any revision required by such section.
9	"(13) RECIPIENT.—The term 'recipient' means
10	an entity that receives assistance from a partici-
11	pating jurisdiction, pursuant to section 296(a), from
12	grant amounts under this subtitle of the partici-
13	pating jurisdiction.
14	"(14) Rural area.—The term 'rural area' has
15	the meaning given such term in section 520 of the
16	Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490).
17	"(15) SECRETARY.—The term 'Secretary'
18	means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
19	ment.
20	"(16) State.—The term 'State' has the mean-
21	ing given such term in section 104.
22	"SEC. 300. INAPPLICABILITY OF HOME PROVISIONS.
23	"Except as specifically provided otherwise in this sub-
24	title, no requirement under, or provision of, subtitles B

- 1 through D of this title shall apply to assistance provided
- 2 under this subtitle.
- 3 "SEC. 301. REGULATIONS AND REPORTS.
- 4 "(a) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 6 months after
- 5 the date of enactment of the National Affordable Housing
- 6 Grant Act of 2007, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
- 7 Development shall promulgate regulations to carry out
- 8 this subtitle, which shall include regulations establishing
- 9 the affordable housing needs formula in accordance with
- 10 section 294(a).
- 11 "(b) REPORTS ON HOME PROGRAM STREAM-
- 12 LINING.—Not later than the expiration of the 6-month pe-
- 13 riod referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of Hous-
- 14 ing and Urban Development and the Comptroller General
- 15 of the United States shall each submit to the Congress
- 16 a report making recommendations for streamlining the
- 17 various programs for assistance under this title, including
- 18 the HOME Investment Partnerships program under sub-
- 19 title A, the Community Housing Partnership program
- 20 under subtitle B, the Downpayment Assistance Initiative
- 21 under subtitle E, and the National Affordable Housing
- 22 Grant Program under this subtitle.".
- 23 (b) Program Year for Matching Contribu-
- 24 TIONS.—Section 220 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National
- 25 Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12750) is amended—

1	(1) in subsection (a)—
2	(A) by striking "a fiscal year" and insert-
3	ing "a program year of the jurisdiction"; and
4	(B) by striking "such fiscal year" and in-
5	serting "such program year"; and
6	(2) in subsection (d)—
7	(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "fiscal
8	year" and inserting "program year of the juris-
9	diction";
10	(B) in paragraph (3), by striking "fiscal
11	year" each place such term appears and insert-
12	ing "program year"; and
13	(C) in paragraph (5), by striking "fiscal
14	year" and inserting "program year of the juris-
15	diction".